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Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 83020

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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February 10, 1966

Summary of January 1966 Monthly Narrative Report

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Transfer & Promotion	Donald H. Cotten, Civil Engr. to Southwest Region
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IN-SERVICE TRAINING	Ranger Inst. Animal Overview equip & winter rescue training at Grand Teton NP, 1/23 and 25
MISCELLANEOUS	Personnel Officer for James W. Goodwill 1/28 Bull. Tel. Credit union officers for 1961 NPTS officers for 1961
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February 10, 1966

Memorandum

To: Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Narrative Report, January 1966

GENERAL

Weather Conditions. The first week in January had strong winds, snow and below freezing temperatures. The middle of the month had light snow and mild temperatures; it was quite cold the last of the month but snowfall was light. Moisture content on measured snow courses is about 50% of normal in the northern part of the Park and slightly higher in the southern section of the Park.

	Maximum Temperature			Minimum Temperature			Precipitation
North Entrance	50	degrees	1/7	-8	degrees	1/20	-
Mammoth	42	"	7	-20	"	20	.90
Tower Fall	43	"	7	-27	"	20	.94
Lamar	42	"	7	-27	"	25	.38
Old Faithful	37	"	11	-24	"	20&25	1.72
Northeast	36	"	7	-22	"	25	1.84
West Yellowstone	25	"	6&7	-33	"	25	1.20

Increase or Decrease in Travel. There were 2,272 visitors to the Park during January, which is 1,789 more than in January 1965, an increase of 27%.

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Visitors through the West Entrance numbered 892. The non-commercial trips entered at West Yellowstone during the month brought in 110 visitors. (This included snowplanes, ski-doos, and ski-horses, etc.) Snowmobiles of Young and Kelsey carried 782.

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GENERAL

Weather Conditions. The first week in January was [illegible] and below freezing temperatures. The middle of the month was light snow and mild temperatures; it was quite cold the last of the month but snowfall was light. Moisture content on measured snow courses is about 90% of normal in the northern part of the Park and slightly higher in the southern section of the Park.

	Maximum Temperature	Minimum Temperature	Precipitation
North Entrance	50 degrees 1/7	-8 degrees 1/20	-
Mammoth	42 " 7	-20 " 20	.30
Tower Fall	43 " 7	-27 " 20	.[illegible]
Lamar	42 " 7	-27 " 25	.[illegible]
Old Faithful	37 " 11	-24 " 20&25	1.72
Northeast	36 " 7	-22 " 25	1.44
West Yellowstone	25 " 6&7	-[illegible] " 22	1.20

Increase or Decrease in Travel. There were 2,272 visitors to the Park during January, which is 1,782 more than in January 1965, an increase of 272.

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Nineteen oversnow vehicles with 31 people came to the East Entrance.

No visitor oversnow travel has been recorded at South Entrance.

North and Northeast Entrances note an increase in travel for January as compared to the same period last year.

SNOW COURSE DATA. The following is a list of snow courses taken at the end of January 1966. The data tabulated gives the percent of water content as expressed over a 15-year average as calculated by the Soil Conservation Service. The years 1948-1962 are used to express the 15-year average.

SNOW COURSE DATA - JANUARY 1966

	Date Taken	Snow Depth	Water Content	15-Year Average Water Content	Percent of Average	Section of Park
Northeast	1/31/66	16.55	3.75	5.8	65	N
Lupine	1/30/66	23.3	5.7	7.3	78	N
Norris	1/28/66	24.5	5.8	6.9	84	N
New Lake #2	1/21/66	24.0	4.0	6.5	62	S
New Lake #1	1/31/66	26.0	4.5	7.1	63	S
Canyon	1/30/66	30.9	7.7	9.4	82	N
Sylvan Pass	1/29/66	28.0	7.7	9.3	83	S
East Entrance	1/28/66	28.1	5.7	7.9	72	S
Lewis Divide	1/27/66	77.0	25.4	27.6	92	S
Aster Creek	1/27/66	62.0	20.5	20.4	100	S
West Thumb	1/27/66	48.0	15.4	1444	107	S
Coulter Creek	---					
Snake River	1/27/66	44.0	12.3	13.3	92	S

Precipitation Totals	
Snake River	4.80
Tower Fall	.94
Lamar	.38
Lake	1.21
Mammoth	.90

Average Water Content	
North	77 pct.
South	84 pct.
PARK	82 pct.

Visitors. Mr. Bob Allard, Photographer, National Geographic Society, January 5-25

Mr. Louis O. Aleksich, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Battin, Billings, January 18-19

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Kimberly overcame vehicles with 31 people came to the four Corners.

Ms visitor overcome travel has been recorded to South Dakotans.

South and Northern Dakotans seem as increase in travel for January as compared to the same period last year.

<u>LAST CHANCE POST.</u> The following is a list of some remaining cabins at the end of January 1966. The data tabulated gives the periods of water monitor or measured cows a 13-year average as calculated by the Soil Conservation Service. The years 2010-2022 are used to compute the 13-year average.

<u>WARM CHANGE DATA - JANUARY 1966</u>

	Tube Tubes	Loss Tubes	Water Tubes	13-Year Average Water Cover	Number of Cabins	Decline of Post
Bordeaux	1/23/66	26.59	3.71	1.1	13	1
Dupins	1/23/66	22.7	3.1	7.1	21	1
Morris	1/23/66	24.3	5.8	1.7	14	4
New Lake #1	1/23/66	23.1	4.0	4.1	12	2
New Lake #2	1/23/66	24.0	4.5	7.1	13	1
Oregon	1/23/66	24.1	7.7	8.4	22	2
Spanish Pass	1/23/66	22.4	1.7	2.1	10	2
Rose Dickinson	1/23/66	22.1	5.7	4.3	12	4
Lewis Bridge	1/23/66	17.3	21.4	27.1	11	3
Lake Creek	1/23/66	21.0	26.1	29.4	100	2
Wood Creek	1/23/66	24.3	13.1	1484	177	7
Conifer Creek	---					
Snake River	1/23/66	24.3	17.3	21.5	71	1

<u>Specialization Tools</u>

Snake River	6.23	Bonds	27 mos.
Lewis Bell	.89	Bonds	29 yrs.
Lamar	.41		
Lake	1.22	Tube	22 yrs.
Mineral	.09		

<u>Tailors.</u> Mr. Bob Allred, Discovery Mine, National Geographic Society, Summer 3-23

Mr. Louis G. Alfredsen, Conservation Commission to Discovery Basin, Billings, Summer 20-12

Special Activities. January 16, the Superintendent accompanied by Chief Ranger Wayne R. Howe and Biologist Robert E. Howe, went to Helena for an informal meeting with the Montana Game and Fish Commission at the request of Director Frank Dunkle of the Game and Fish Department to discuss an open season on elk in the Gallatin because counts taken indicated the herd was over the previously determined 1,000 head. It was agreed that we would proceed with the open season in accordance with our earlier agreement even though there was some protest from the Gallatin Elk Protective Association.

Shortly after this meeting, Governor Tim Babcock of Montana indicated he did not agree with this decision and at his request via Director Frank Dunkle, Chief Ranger Howe and I travelled to Bozeman to meet with the Governor and his Executive Secretary Jim Paton on January 31. The Governor requested the 1,000 base herd on the Gallatin be raised to 1,500 but we indicated our studies showed the habitat would not maintain this number of elk and supported by Director Dunkle we said a reduction was necessary. After much discussion the Governor agreed to a hunt of 200 elk in the Gallatin and Park representatives said 300 elk would be trapped and transplanted elsewhere. This was agreed to by all concerned and the State plans to open a special season on the Gallatin in early February. A special report has been made on this situation.

Mr. Louis O. Aleksich, Administrative Assistant to Congressman James Battin, was in the Park the 18th and 19th. In line with the Congressman's interests Mr. Aleksich wanted to review and see Park live trapping activities involving reduction of the Northern Elk Herd. He spent the day observing use of helicopters in trapping and watched handling elk in the traps and transportation of the animals out of the Park. Mr. Aleksich told the Superintendent in a conference prior to his departure that he was pleased with the operation and was thrilled with his experience at close hand to the activities. He also said he would report favorably on the program and our management objectives. A letter from Congressman Battin, received later, amply demonstrated that Mr. Aleksich had made a glowing and favorable report in his observations here. Chief Park Ranger Howe and Biologist Howe conducted Mr. Aleksich around the Park.

Yellowstone Field Research Expedition of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center of the State University of New York, arrived in the Park January 3, under the leadership of Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, Director of Research. This is the sixth winter the Expedition has been at Old Faithful. Snowmobiles of West Yellowstone, owned and operated by Harold Young, transported the group and their equipment to Old Faithful. Approximately 40 scientists from all parts of the United States participated in this project. Radio Station KID-TV, Idaho Falls, carried several reports of their activities.

Special activities. January 14, the Commissioner accompanied by chief Deputy Corps 1, Dave and Industrial School 1, Dave, went to Tehama for a luncheon meeting with the Tehama Club and Pio Canalizing at the request of Director Frank Dunlap of the Camp and Club Supervisor to discuss an open house on all is the Bulletin Between Canals taken individual the land see over the previously Canalized 1,300 head. It was agreed that we could proceed with the open house in accordance with our policy concerning non-target which was some problem from the Circle CD Protective Association.

Shortly after this meeting, Director Tim Bennett of Modoc Indian in his car again with this delegation and at his request was shown Fred Dunlap, Chief Deputy Game and I conferred to discuss it with the Director and his Executive Secretary the Game on January 21. The director requested the 1,300 head transfer the Bulletin to reduce to 1,300 but no indication my should allowed the Bulletin would accurate this number of elk and suggested by Director Dunlap we call a meeting was necessary. After meeting discussed the Director agreed to a base of 300 elk in the Bulletin and that representatives 300 elk would be trapped and transplanted elsewhere. This was agreed to by all concerned and the Game Commission to open a special meeting the Bulletin is early February. A special report has been made on this situation.

Dr. Louis E. Alexander, Ecologist Bureau of Sportsman Game Trails, was in the Bulletin the week of 20th. In line with the Commissioner's instructions Dr. Alexander needed to review and see that trapping activities involving removal of the Bulletin elk from the open the day discussing use of helicopter to trapping and moving elk to the trap and transportation of the animals out of the Park. Dr. Alexander felt the transportation to a conference point in the operation that he was planned with the Game Commission and the Bulletin elk operations in close hand of the activities. He also felt he would report directly to the program and our management activities. A letter from Commissioner Smith, Resident Game, wrote Commissioner that Dr. Alexander had made a glowing and favorable report to the operations here. Chief Game Warden Dave and Industrial School Director Dr. Alexander above the work.

Bulletin Field Research Operations of the Department of Fish Research Center of the Bureau Laboratory of Fish Biology, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas L. Jacobs, Director of Research. This is the first winter the Bulletin has been at the Bulletin. Responsible of Game Department, which was operated by Harold Jones, transferred the Game and Fish research to Dr. Jacobs. Approximately 40 Bulletin Elk at Point of the Bulletin Trapped Transplanted in this program. Total Bulletin Elk-47, Under 8-12, several annual reports of Elk activities.

Chief Park Naturalist Good departed Yellowstone January 6 for Butte to meet with Mr. James Lee of the Environmental Health Branch, U. S. Public Health Service. Possibilities of a Regional program in environmental health, as it applies to recreational areas, was the topic of discussion. Others present at the meeting were Dr. Richard McBee, Department of Botany and Microbiology, Montana State University, and representatives from the Universities of Utah and Montana.

Assistant Superintendent Julius A. Martinek attended the annual Supervisor's Safety Training Course at the Horace M. Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon National Park, January 16-22. He also attended the National Park Service-Bureau of Public Roads planning meeting at Denver, Colorado, January 24 and 25.

The Livingston Rotary Club celebrated its 50th anniversary at Livingston on the 24th. Superintendent McLaughlin, Chief Park Naturalist Good and Chief Ranger Wayne R. Howe attended the ceremony. The Superintendent made a brief talk bringing in the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service. It was interesting to note that six charter members of the Club are still living and five were in attendance at the anniversary meeting.

Superintendent McLaughlin, Chief Park Ranger Howe and Biologist Howe conferred with Dr. Schaefer at Old Faithful January 27 regarding local research activities of the Atmospheric Sciences Center. They also met with Drs. John and Frank Craighead on their research in the Park. The Craigheads spent four days with Dr. Schaefer's group at Old Faithful.

Yellowstone Lake froze over on January 16.

Superintendent's Staff meetings were held January 13 and 28.

Administration

A draft of the proposed Regionwide Career Development and Placement Plan has been received and is being reviewed by the Staff and local employee organizations.

Payroll for the period ending January 1, 1966, amounted to $46,062.89; for the period ending January 15, $41,969.89; and for the period ending January 29, $38,756.99. There were 162 on the payroll ending January 1, compared to 166 a year ago; 154 on the payroll ending January 15, compared to 163 a year ago; and 143 on the payroll ending January 29, compared to 161 a year ago.

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Personnel

Promotion John W. Card, janitor to caretaker, effective 1/30
Joseph W. Dexter, janitor to caretaker, effective 1/30
Lyford W. Dore, Maintenanceman, to plumber, effective 1/30

Reassignment William T. Rush, to Western Regional Office, as Accounting Technician, departed the Park 1/22
James T. Fisher, Signmaker, to Foreman II-Maintenance, effective 1/30
James W. Godbolt, to Bandelier National Monument as Superintendent, effedtive January 30
Louis G. Welisch, Operating Accountant to Procurement and Property Management Officer, GS-11

Transfer and Promotion Ronald E. Cotten, Civil Engineer, to the Southwest Region, will be stationed at Monticello, Utah, as Supervisory Civil Engineer, Regional Chief of Maintenance, Southwest Region representative, for Parks and Monuments in the Four Corners area, effective February 13

Resignation Judy Wolfe, Clerk-Typist, resigned from Supply Center, January 4, to be married in February

Final classification action was taken by the Regional Office to establish or abolish the following positions in the Maintenance Division:

Established:
Foreman II-Maintenance, number 2 101 0040 28
(in lieu of Foreman II-Signmaker 2 101 0040 29)
Plumber, number 2 101 0040 88
Signmaker, number 2 101 0040 34
Caretaker, two positions, number 2 101 0040 82 and 40 84
(in lieu of Janitor, numbers 2 101 0040 83 and 40 85)

Abolished:
Maintenanceman, number 2 101 0040 61
Foreman III-B&U, number 2 101 0040 25
Fireman, Low Pressure, number 2 101 0040 87

Selected: Mr. George F. Lucko, Maintenance Engineer, Northeast Regional office, has been selected for Assistant Chief of Park Maintenance, effective March 13.

Mr. Robert R. Budlong, Park Planner, GS-13, Western Regional office, has been selected for the Management Assistant (Programs) position.

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A proposal to establish a training position of Personnel Staffing Specialist, GS-7, was submitted to the Regional Office.

In-Service Training. Ranger Raymond L. Ives attended an oversnow equipment and winter rescue training session at Grand Teton National Park on January 25 and 26.

Miscellaneous. A Farewell Coffee was held January 28 for James W. Godbolt.

At the annual meeting of Yellowstone Federal Credit Union, January 22, the following officers were elected:

President:	Erwin L. Atwood
First Vice President:	Joseph Kurtz, Postmaster
Second Vice President:	Jane Ballard
Treasurer:	Charles DesRoches, Asst. Postmaster
Secretary:	Gary C. Stork

CREDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman and Loan Officer:	William E. Hape
Secretary:	Harriet Taggart
Member:	James Batzloff

Newly elected officers for National Federation of Federal Employees, at their January 3, meeting:

President:	Elroy W. Bohlin
Vice President:	Harriet Taggart
Treasurer:	George J. Tracy
Secretary:	Helen B. Tracy

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Most of the southfacing slopes and ridgetops throughout the winter range were nearly bare of snow through the 12th. In the Gardiner-Reese Creek area, there was very little snow through the 12th. These conditions were maintained by some period of thaw, but mostly by periods of strong wind.

Snow depths on ridgetops and southfacing slopes range were light and showed little change during the month except at the Junction Butte Exclosure where snow depths increased from .02 to 0.35 feet on all sites. Except at the Gardiner Exclosure, there was a gradual increase in snow depth of from 0.10 to 0.30 feet on north exposures.

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<u>In-Service Training.</u> Sargar Raymond L. Free attended an overseas equipment and winter rescue training session at Grand Teton National Park on January 23 and 24.

<u>Miscellaneous.</u> A Farewell Coffee was held January 18 for Judith V. Godbolt.

At the annual meeting of Yellowstone Federal Credit Union, January 11, the following officers were elected:

President:	Erwin L. Wood
First Vice President:	Joseph Harris, Treasurer
Second Vice President:	Jane Mallard
Treasurer:	Charles Beckscher, Asst. Treasurer
Secretary:	Cary C. Stark

CREDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman and Loan Officer:	William R. Hope
Secretary:	Harriet Huggart
Member:	James Bartlett

Newly elected officers for National Federation of Federal Employees, at their January 3, meeting:

President:	Elroy M. Rodkin
Vice President:	Harriet Huggart
Treasurer:	George J. Tracy
Secretary:	Helen S. Tracy

<u>Conservation, Interpretation and Use</u>

Most of the southfacing slopes and ridgetops throughout the winter range were nearly bare of snow through the 1st. In the Northern-Lamar Creek area, there was very little snow through the 1st. These conditions were maintained by some period of time, but mostly in periods of strong wind.

Snow depths on ridgetops and southfacing slopes range were light and showed little change during the month except at the Junction Butte Enclosure where snow depths increased from .05 to 0.05 feet on all sites. Except at the Gardiner Enclosure, there was a gradual decrease in snow depth of from 0.10 to 0.30 feet on north exposures.

Interpretive Services and Planning. The manuscript for the Mud Volcano self-guiding trail booklet has gone to the printers.

YLMA On January 3, 100,000 Fountain Paint Pot self-guiding trail booklets were ordered from Artcraft Printers in Bozeman.

Research and Observation. John Oldemeyer who is engaged in research on Winter Ecology of Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep in Northern Yellowstone Park visited the office of the Chief Park Naturalist January 31 and brought copies of his January progress report.

The Annual Mid-Winter Waterfowl and Eagle Survey inventory was taken January 6 and 7. Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Harry, West District Naturalist Canter and Assistant Chief Park Ranger Ashley assisted. This survey is sponsored yearly by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

USGS. Janet Ashley has assumed the duties of servicing the Mammoth seismograph for the U. S. Geological Survey, since Grant Godbolt moved from the area with his family. Miss Ashley was placed on the USGS payroll effective January 16.

STEAMBOAT GEYSER erupted January 22 or 23rd.

COLLECTION PERMIT

Dr. Herbert Curl, Jr., Oregon State University. Collection of algae from hot springs and spring snows.

Ranger Activities. Ski patrols were made during the month to Crevice and Cache Creek patrol cabins, Sportsman Lake, Specimen Creek, and around the Old Faithful Area. Snowplane and ski-doo patrols were made in the Jackson Lake area.

Law Enforcement. The Annual FBI Uniform Crime Report and the National Park Service Annual Summary of Law Enforcement for Yellowstone was completed for the 1965 calendar year and sent to the appropriate offices.

No incidents were reported on the monthly FBI Uniform Crime Report for the month.

SAFETY AND HEALTH. Two motor vehicle accidents were reported in January 1966, as compared to eight reported for January 1965.

The total reported accidents for 1965 surpassed any year on record, causing an estimated $156,415 personal property damage loss to individuals.

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There were seven on-the-job accidents reported -- six in the Maintenance Division and one in Ranger Services. Five of the injured individuals required medical treatment at the Mammoth Clinic or at the Park Clinic in Livingston. No lost time accidents occurred.

Buildings and Utilities. The abandoned north entrance gatehouse was removed January 14. On January 12 and 13, the old elk trap was burned and the old hay corrals flattened in the meadows north of the Slough Creek patrol cabin.

The abandoned truck scales at the government gas and oil house at Mammoth was removed and the pit was filled.

Plumbers, carpenters, and electricians have started installation of a restroom for the fire cache, Blister Rust Control, and Radio Shop.

Seven house trailers purchased as a result of our invitation for bids in December have been delivered to Mammoth and stored at the Trailer Court for use during the coming season.

Building Fire Protection. Plans are being made for the structural fire control training school to be held the week of April 18 to 22. Mr. H. L. Miskimins, Cheyenne, Wyoming will be the instructor.

Roads and Trails. Light snow and mild temperatures during the month kept snow plowing to a minimum, which is being done only as required on a seven-day per week basis.

Insects and Tree Diseases. The Regional White Pine Blister Rust Control Annual Report for calendar year 1965 was submitted on January 19. The statistical tables and narrative of National Park Service Regional BRC activities was submitted to the U. S. Forest Service, Northern Region, Missoula, Montana, for inclusion in their annual report.

Concessioners. Annual Financial Reports for the following concessioners have been reviewed and forwarded to Washington and Midwest Regional Offices:

Yellowstone Park Medical Service
Yellowstone Park Service Stations
Hamilton Stores, Inc.

[illegible] were [illegible] [illegible] accidents reported [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and one in Lower Tarlton. This is the [illegible] [illegible] required medical treatment at the Lower Tarlton Clinic [illegible] the first child in Ikrumabad. The [illegible] [illegible].

Buildings and Facilities. The electrical work [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] January 14. On January 12 and 13, the old [illegible] [illegible] and the old [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

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Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities.

Wildlife Reduction Program. Snow is still lacking on the Northern Yellowstone range and in Hayden Valley. This has greatly limited success of this operation.

Elk	Gallatin	Northern Yellowstone
Live Shipped	0	528
Hunter Kill Outside Park	150	30
Biological Collection	0	66
Trap Loss	2	19
Total Reduction	152	643
Live Trapped	355	943
Neckbanded and Released	308	68
Retrapped Elk	42	258
Escaped Elk	3	36
Trap Loss	2	19
Ovarectomies Held	0	1

Bison	Lamar	Hayden Valley-Nez Perce
Live Shipped	0	35
Trap Loss	0	3
Total Reduction	0	38

Antelope	
Biological Collection	80
Total Reduction	80

Bison		
Live Trapped	31	75
Neckbanded or Eartagged	4	37
Retrapped Bison	26	55
Escaped Bison	1	0

Approximately two hours were spent on one big game trend count on the 6th between Mammoth and Reese Creek:

Date	Elk	Deer	Antelope	Bighorn Sheep
1/6	1	5	124	2

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Mortality and Fish Control Activities

Activity Selection Process

Biologists usually and in rapid valley. This has greatly freed access of this opportunity.

Elk	Bighorn	Bighorn Percentage
Live Shipped	0	0%
Winter Kill Outside Park	132	0
Biological Collection	0	0
Trap Loss	1	1%
Total Subsection	133	1%
Live Trapped	155	0%
Mechanical and Accident	136	1%
Entrapped Elk	43	1%
Shooted Elk	3	1%
Trap Loss	0	0%
Natural-Water Death	0	1

Bison	Lamar	Yellow Pine-Gardiner
Live Trapped	0	3%
Trap Loss	0	0
Total Subsection	0	3%

Coyotes	
Biological Collection	0
Total Subsection	0

Elmer		
Live Trapped	17	7%
Mechanical or Entrapped	1	1%
Shot-Lamp Alone	46	1%
Shooted Alone	1	3

Approximately two hours were spent on the two Elmer elk sections in the elk Bighorn Remnants and Lower Gardner.

Date	Elk	Sex	Outcome	Bighorn Sex
1/5	1	C	1%	1

Biologist Howe participated in two helicopter censuses of the Gallatin elk herd; one on January 25 when 1,274 elk were counted, and one on January 29 when 990 were counted. These were in connection with the "sportsmen's" count "required" before a season is reopened in this area.

As a result of the censuses and the elk distribution, it was decided that the season on elk in the upper Gallatin would be reopened. The State will issue permits for taking 200 elk and Yellowstone National Park will try to trap 300 out of Daly Creek for shipment to other areas. The total reduction agreed upon is 500, based on the fixed-wing plane count of January 20, when 1,491 elk were counted.

The season will begin February 5.

Golden Eagles. Two Golden eagles were observed feeding on an elk carcass just east of Mammoth on January 30.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Publicity. On each Thursday the Yellowstone Weekly News was issued to keep employees, concessioners, and others currently informed of Park happenings.

Two press releases were issued: January 12, on 1965 payroll; January 24, Godbolt to Bandelier as Superintendent.

Religious and Chapel Use. Protestant services were held throughout the month.

On January 6, Epiphany, service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Rev. John Lee.

Sunday, January 23, marked the 21st year that the Rev. Warren Ost, director of a Christian Ministry in Leisure-Recreation, has been in the Park. He gave the sermon during the Sunday services, emphasizing the responsibility of the church in the changing world of leisure. Coffee Hour was held in honor of the Rev. Ost in the Gardiner Church Annex.

Public Relations. On January 6, ten graduate students and Dr. Kenneth Diem, Assistant Professor of Wildlife Management, University of Wyoming, arrived for a 1½ day look at our wildlife management operations and habitat studies. Biologists Robert E. Howe and William J. Barmore accompanied them during their trip, and conducted classroom and discussion sessions the night of January 7.

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West Yellowstone Sub-District Ranger Joseph J. Fraser attended a meeting of the Snowmobile Club of West Yellowstone on January 7, to explain the regulations of the Park covering the use of over-snow equipment.

Chief Ranger Howe and Chief Naturalist Good were in Missoula, Montana, January 4 and 5, conferring with Dr. Carl Larson, Director of Stella Duncan Memorial Institute, at the University of Montana, on elk biological research. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Yellowstone's elk management problems and animal control methods which might be used effectively in the wildlife management program.

Contracts

No. 14-10-0243-671 Wallace Ditman, Inc. Bozeman, Montana	$59,650.00	Construction of the Floating Breakwaters at Grant Village

Big Hole National Battlefield. Acting Management Assistant, Aubrey L. Haines, spent January 26 at Big Hole National Battlefield shoveling snow from trailer roofs. He reported all in good order in the area.

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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION NARRATIVE

January 1966

Plans, Maps and Surveys

The following plans were reviewed or approved as indicated:

Concessioner Working Drawing NP-YEL-8252, LP Gas Installations in 34 campers' cabins, Old Faithful (Yellowstone Park Company). Approved as working drawing. Not approved as preliminary drawing for future installations.

Preliminary Drawing NP-YEL-6222, Site Plan, Apartment Building, Canyon. Approved.

Topo Drawing NP-YEL-6223, Mud Volcano Area, received for information.

Approval was given by Assistant Director Jensen for submittal of preliminary engineering drawings as advance PS&E on the North Entrance Road project (R. 2)

Contract Awarded

No. 14-10-0243-671, to Wallace Diteman, Inc., Bozeman, Montana, for construction of floating breakwaters, Grant Village Marina, $59,650.00.

New priority lists for the 1968 fiscal year have been submitted to Region.

The Development Schedule has been revised and sent to Region and WODC.

Meetings attended by Assistant Superintendent Martinek included the following:

January 3 - Kiwanis, Bozeman, where he presented a talk.

January 7 (with several other staff members) - Yellowstone Park Company Planning Conference

January 13 - Staff Meeting

January 16-22 - Annual Supervisors' Safety Training Course, Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon

January 25 - planning meeting with BPR, regional and WODC representatives in Denver regarding road construction

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January 1964

Plans, Maps and Surveys

The following plans were analyzed or approved as indicated:

Concessioner Parking Branding [illegible], [illegible] for installations in [illegible] campers' cabins, [illegible] Parkhill (Philadelphia Park Company). Approved as parking drawing. Not approved as preliminary drawing for future installations.

Preliminary Branding [illegible], [illegible] plan, Overtown Building, Canyon. Approved.

Type Branding [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] for information.

Approval was given by Assistant Director Jones for [illegible] of preliminary engineering drawings on [illegible] [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] (R. 3)

Contract Awarded

No. [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], for construction of [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible].

New priority lists for the [illegible] fiscal year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to Region.

The Development Schedule has been revised and sent to Region and [illegible].

Meetings attended by Assistant Superintendent [illegible] included the following:

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January 7 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] - [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Planning [illegible]

January 13 - [illegible] Meeting

January 16-22 - [illegible] [illegible]' [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]

January 23 - planning meeting with [illegible], regional and [illegible] representatives in [illegible] [illegible] road construction

BIG HOLE NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD

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Area is closed for the winter.

John S. McLaughlin
Superintendent

In triplicate

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James W. Godbolt, Management Assistant, at Farewell Coffee, January 28, 1966. Godbolt was reassigned to Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos, New Mexico as Superintendent. Presentation made by Superintendent John S. McLaughlin.

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